PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members;

Alan says another issue is getting ready for the press and many of my friends are saying how fast the year is going. My reply is usually "but only two months have gone by", but now I'm thinking that most people are rather confusing 2009 with the time since we in the US have elected a new president. That time has gone by as fast as the stock market has gone down. Enough rambling…

It is just about time for you to make all your plans to come to the National Topical Stamp Show in Dayton. Ohio June 12-14. It sounds as if great plans are in the making and take my word for it the Air Force Museum is well worth your time to see. I grew up in the area so I will be around for awhile visiting friends and relatives. I am looking forward seeing many of the friends I've made over the year of attending this annual show and always meet two or three different collectors since we meet in different parts of the country each time.

Butterflies have just about run their course as a philatelic subject I guess as very few countries are printing any on their stamps now. I know craft things like macramé, stained glass etc. usually run out after ten popular years so it may also be true of some other stamp subjects.

SW Colorado weather report: Many days in the low 60s the past two weeks, woke up to half inch of snow this morning with mid day delightful.

TWIN report: Now 5+ months old, both fat with chipmunk cheeks, Kiera rolling over to her stomach - a smiler and watcher. Triston bangs at the hanging toys and you have to coax him into a smile.

Until next time, Fran

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EXHIBITS AT THE NTSS IN DAYTON

There were many interesting exhibits in this year's show but relatively few on biological subjects:

The Donkey in Man's World, by Robert Mather of Waukesha – Gold and the Biology Unit award
The Lippizan Horses of the Spanish Riding School of Vienna, by Donna Trathen – Silver
Of Men and Giant Pandas, by Janice L. Brookes – Silver
Dachshunds: The Wiener Dogs, by Peggy Edwards (single frame) – Silver
Purrfect Pets, by Megan Hall (Youth) – Silver-bronze

In addition, there were four Youth C of C exhibits: Zoofari; Panda; Animals Around the World and Man's Best Friend – American Kennel Club Breeds.

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